the District Committee had deliber without having a voice in its passage. ately employed dilatory tactics which indicated hostility to the prohibition change our mode of living.

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District Committee would delay its
report on the measure until March 5.
Speaking for the advocates of a
referendum, Attorney Henry E. Davis
urged the Rules Committee to provide for a referendum amendment if
the bill was taken from the District
Committee. He declared that the ac-Committee. He declared that the action of the "drys" put it up to the Rules Committee to impugn the honor, integrity and houesty of the the country. I agree that a large pe

District Committee.
Mr. Davis made a legal argument first, in which he contended that Con-gress had the power to provide a referendum for the people of the District, and concluded with the statement that passage of the prohibition-bill. which he said would revolutionize the special life of Washington and drive conventions from the city, would be accepted far more graciously if the were allowed to decide the

Urges Rights of House.

Congressman McCracken was the first speaker before the committee. He said the Rules Committee owed it to the members of the House to allow them to vote on the bill at this ses-

"The District Committee has had This bill long enough to reach some decision on it," said Mr. McCracken. "I think this committee ought to take the bill away from the District Com-mittee and let the members of the House vote on it."

Mr. Dinwiddle reviewed the history of the hearings on the bill before the District Committee, and expressed the belief that that body should be lieved of further consideration of the

"This bill is backed by the prohibitionists of the entire country," said the speaker. "They represent two-thirds of the population of the United States and twenty seven States. Over S5 per cent of the territorial area of the American continent is under the more than 62 per cent of the people of the United States, and they ask for action on this bill." "Do you think the District Commit-

tee will act on this bill" he was asked

by Chairman Henry.
" doubt it very strongly," replied
"Mr. Dinwiddie. "My doubt is based on what the committee has done and failed to do thus far. This same committee postponed consideration of the Jones-Works bill, a regulatory and not a prohibition measure, for ten months, four years ago."

Claima Absolute Evidence.

"Do you think the committee is against the bill?" inquired Mr. Henry. There is no question about that." was the frompt reply. "We have had absolute evidence of that fact by postponements of the conclusion of the hearings. This committee, if it could, would delay action on this bill until Morch 5.

Asked by Chairman Henry if he would object if the District Committee reported the bill with amendments. Mr. Dinwiddle said he would. He said that while a number of people in Washington outside the liquor business honestly wanted a referen-dum, he did not think the prohibition bill should be singled out as the measure upon which to try a referendum, although he believed a majority would vote for the bill. Mr. Dinwiddle said there was no machinery here for a referendum and that Congressmen got none of their authority from the peo-ple of the iDstrict.

"Couldn't machineery for a referendum be provided by the next ses-sion of Congress?" asked Mr. Henry. "It might be." replied the speaker. "but that is just what a lot of people

want. We believe the present session should pass on this bill.' Asked by Congressman Bennet if he would object to a separate resolu-tion being offered to remedy the de-fect in the bill caused by the appear-ance of "1916" in one of its clauses, Mr. Dinwiddie replied in the negative, ganization other than himself, asked he would object to a separate resolubut said he would object to an amendment to that effect being offered and debated on the floor of the House.

Dr. Scannon Heard. The Rev. Dr. Charles Scannon, rep-

resenting the board of temperance of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, representing similiar body of the Methodist Church, asked that the rule be reported to put the bill on the calendar of the

Attorney Davis then spoke in advocacy of a referendum. He traced the governmental history of the District from its inception to the present day. The attorney declared the ent day. The attorney occurred the citizenship of the Government em-ployes here would not be jeopardized by their participation in a primary here, because Congress could grant the "inhabitants" of the District the

ght to vote.

Mr. Davis dwelt on the fact that the people of the District were taxed without representation. He said this was repulsive to all Americans.
"We are a law abiding people," said

Mr. Davis. "We have an orderly community. I believe the slum hunt-ers looking for sore toes have tried to make it appear that we have the rottenest city in America and are thus responsible for a large part of the friction between she inhabitants of this city and Congress.

"This bill not only means the loss of property rights, the loss of half a million dollars in revenue to the Dis-trict, but it means that we must subvert our social life to this legislation,

THE WEATHER REPORT.

District of Columbia-Rain and Warmer tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and much colder. Fresh south west to northwest winds.

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"We are a hospitable people and have

"We ask that a referendum be granted the here, such as has been granted all over cent of the area of this country is dry but it was made dry because the people at the polls voted it dry and prohibition was not arbitrarily thrust upon the peo-ple, as is proposed in this bill."

Altorney Davis then called the atten tion of the committee to what he con-sidered an imputation on the honor of the members of the District Committee, "a want of honor," he said, shirking of duty, or worse." Charles C. Columbus, secretary the District Referendum Associatio

pleaded for referendum because of the importance of the bill to the per ple of the District. He said the Re-tail Merchants' Association would would like to have the bad check and itinerant merchants' bill acted upon at this session of Congress, but had not asked the Rules Committee to take these measures from the District Committee. The prohibition hearing. he said, has proceeded in an orderly

way.
"Whatever you do," he said, "we urge you to provide for a referendum."

Congressman Barkley closed the hearing by reiterating his plea for opportunity for action by the present Congress.

E. W. Oyster Urges Vote.

E. W. Oyster, representing, he said, 600 members of various labor organ-izations of Washington, appeared before the District Committee and was allowed fifteen minutes to present his side of the question.

"The labor organizations have all indorsed self-government." he said.
"Our plan is that the people of Washington elect five commissioners to dent of the United States appoint the mayor. In this way the people of the United States would have half the voice in the governing of the Nation's Capital and the residents of Washington would have the other half we would have no more cry of taxation without representation. gress has the power to give us this referendum, but we don't believe that it should be used on this question. It should have been given to the people

long before."
"Why not use this bill as a fair test
of the referendum question," he was

Not a Fair Test.

"It would not be a fair test, for more than half of the people of the community have been disfranchised including the women and those who yote at home and would not be allowed to vote here in Washington.
There are more than 50,000 people in S. G. Lampkins. co Washington who vote in their home States and could not vote on this question behalf of his race.

Mr. Oyster attempted to refute the

Congressman Fecht of Pennsylvania bill.

Ban On Church Wise.

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J. B. Bradley, 437. Quincy street or the congressman told him it was the intention of the committee to clean out all alcohol, as well as the clean out all alcohol, as well as the the provision in the bill allowing the provision the provision that the provision in the bill allowing the provision that the provision in the bill allowing the provision that the provision the provision that the provisi drink, when it took any action, and that it would also have to eliminate all alcohol products.

Makes Personal Plea

DID DANIELS INJECT PEACE PROPOSITION IN DR. GEORGE BARTHELME'S MESSAGE?

(Continued from First Page.)

blockade and not unrestricted submarine warfare, and the proposal for a conference by a joint commission had been in his original dispatch and "must have been left out by some error of transmission." He said he was unable to tell the nature of this error.

The only points of difference which he admitted were the slight changes made in the opening paragraph.

more people to church.

Saelic League.

statement," said Congressman Focht of Pennsylvania. "It should be below

your society for you to make such a statement as that."

FIFTY IRISHMEN SEIZED

Sinn Feln Sympathizers Rounded

Up by Authorities.

LONDON, Feb. 23.-Nearly fifty ar-

rests of Sinn Fein sympathizers in vari-

ous parts of Ireland were reported in Dublin dispatches today.

The only information obtainable as to the cause of the arrests was that they were made under the "defense of the realm" act.

Among those arrested are: Darrell Giggis, an author: J. J. Kelly, vice president of the Gaelic League; J. T. O'Kelly, general secretary of the Gaelic League at Dublin: John O'Hurley, a Gaelic League organizer; Dr. Patrick McCartan, and others prominent in the Gaelic League.

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AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 23.-Senator

he committee to submit the measure that he and his fellow members of the people, saying that:

"We ought to have referendum on churches and religion, and that they to the people, saying that:

this subject in the District as well as were firm believers in the doctrine of on any other measure."

A. D. Warner, a lawyer and writer He met considerable opposition in on any other measure."

A. D. Warner, a lawyer and writer

He met considerable opposition in from Los Angeles, addressed the com- the committee when he made the mittee for more than an hour and a statement that the churches might half at the request of Congressman be using this five gallons every twen-Randall of California. He explained ty days as an inducement to draw his ability to area. his ability to speak upon the subject of prohibition by saying that for more than thirty years he had been a heavy dfinker and was in a position to know

the harm that it could do.

Mr. Warner handed the committee
a poser when he said that there could be no referendum on the question o prohibition for the District until after there had been some legislative action taken upon the bill by Congress.

exercised "Referendum cannot be upon a measure upon which there has been no legislation," he said. "This Congress is only the city council of the United States and of the District of Columbia, and no city council or legislative body has any right to dele-gate the powers which it has been

given by the people."

Questioned by several committeemen upon this statement, he gave strong legal arguments in favor of

Wants Poison Labels

"I would ask Congress to label al whiskey as poison and spell it with capital letters," he said. "The public health of any community demands ab solute bone dry prohibition."

Mr. Warner spoke at great length

upon the increase in the mortality rate in the United States, due, he said, to the increased consumption of liquor within the past twenty-five years

"The United States is drunk." fought Japan and she was whipped until she drove liquor out of the country, and she then began to win." The speaker struck a snag when he was asked how he explained the fact that the German military authorities give the German soldiers liquor as a part of their regular daily rations, and that the German army is consid-ered the most efficient in the world Mr. Warner was unable to answer, S. G. Lampkins, colored, pastor of the McKinley Memorial Church, spoke

"I have no set speech," he said, "but I am in favor of the bill without argument that prohitbition would throw a large number of people out of work.

"It is not so." he said. "for there is erendum, it would simply postpore. of work.

"It is not so." he said. "for there is no industry in the United States which uses fewer employes for the amount of money involved than the liquor industry. These liquor plants could soon be converted into useful factories."

Congressman Fecht of Pennsylvania bill."

See On Church Wing.

churches to bring in five gallons of iquor every twenty days be stricken out of the measure.

"If we are to have bone-dry prohibi-tion," he said, "we believe that the churches should be placed on the same footing as the rest of us,"
Mr. Bradley made the statement

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